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Office Action Summary

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BATES ET AL.

Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 03 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 August 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 02 August 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Claims 1-25 are presented for examination.

Claim Objections

1. Claim 19 is objected to because of the following informalities: "2" in line 33 should be two. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claim 2 recites the limitation "the step of periodically configuring" in line 8. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000.

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Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

3. Claims 1-7, 9-16, 18-23 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Gever et al (Gever) (US 6,313,835 B1).

Regarding claims 1, 10 and 19, Gever teaches a method for configuring browser settings for a browser program executable on a computer connected to a network of computer, wherein the browser program is configurable according to at least two browser setting (e.g., figs. 5-6), the method comprising configuring the browser program with at least one of the at least two browser settings when a time value condition is satisfied (e.g., see col. 2 line 61-col. 3 line 5, col. 9 lines 62-64 and col. 14 lines 32-35).

Regarding claims 2, 11 and 20, Gever teaches determining whether a predetermined time-value satisfies the time value condition; and if so, configuring the browser (e.g., see col. 14 line 42-col. 15 line29).

Regarding claims 3 and 12, Gever teaches time-value condition is user-defined (e.g., see fig. 6 col. 14 line 59-col. 15 line16).

Regarding claims 4 and 13, Gever teaches time-value condition is a day and time of day (e.g., see fig. 6 col. 14 line 67-col. 15 line 3).

Regarding claims 5, 14 and 21, Gever teaches toolbar configuration (see figs 5-6), determining whether a time-value condition associated with the toolbar configuration is satisfied; and if so, configuring the browser (e.g., see col. 14 line 42-col. 15 line29).

Regarding claims 6, 15 and 22, Gever teaches the toolbar configuration comprises at least one configuration selected from the group consisting of a standard

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toolbar, a navigation toolbar, and address toolbar, and a user-defined toolbar (e.g., see figs 5-6).

Regarding claims 7, 16 and 23, Gever teaches browser settings comprise at least one visited-network address accessed by the browser program (e.g., see figs 6-8 col. 15 lines 17-49).

Regarding claims 9, 18 and 25, Gever teaches network addresses are stored as bookmarks (e.g., see col. 15 lines 34-44).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 8, 17 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gever in view of Huck (US 5,970,230).

Regarding claims 8, 17 and 24, Gever teaches receiving at least one electronic document containing at least one network address (e.g., see col. 8 lines 36-59); and verifying whether a time-value condition associated with at least one of the addresses is satisfied (e.g., see col. 14 line 42-col. 15 line 29); Gever does not explicitly teach manipulating information as claimed. However, Huck teaches determining whether the network address within the electronic document is a previously visited network address (e.g., see col. 3 line 37-col. 4 line 14); and if so rendering the electronic document in a

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manner indicating the network addresses within the document as being visited (e.g., see col. 6 lines 4-36). Therefore, it would have been obvious to have used the manipulating information in Gever as taught by Huck because it would provide dynamic links from previously visited page back to the current visited page.


5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Oanh L. Duong whose telephone number is (703) 305-0295. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday- Friday, 8:00AM - 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hosain T. Alam can be reached on (703) 308-6662. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 746-7239 for regular communications and (703) 746-7238 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.



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